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### ESHKOL WARNS ISRAEL WILL REACT IF POWERS DO NOT HALT SYRIAN ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A somber Premier Levi Eshkol told Israel's Parliament today that the next few days would show whether the United Nations and the major powers could stop Syrian aggression but that "if aggression continues, we shall react."

He called the border situation created by almost daily Syrian incidents for the past three weeks "grave and demanding preparedness." He also emphasized that Israel was still willing to employ all existing political means before resorting to its defensive and deterrent power.

The Premier then listed the various recent incidents, including mining of Israeli roads and a football field, shelling by tanks, firing across the armistice lines and infiltration and sabotage. He cited a Security Council resolution, approved by all major powers but vetoed by the Soviet Union last November, which called on Syria to act to bar use of its territory for raids into Israel. Despite the Soviet veto, the border was quiet thereafter for seven weeks, the Premier noted, "but now full-scale attacks have been resumed by the Syrians."

The Premier took issue with the appeal by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, who called Sunday on both Israel and Syria to refrain from military acts that might lead to large-scale clashes. The Premier said that appeal had been directed equally to Israel, which was being attacked, and to Syria, which was the attacker. He said U Thant's appeal was regarded with "astonishment" by Israel.

The Premier also asserted that Thant did not mention the reason for the border tension, "Syrian aggression and especially acts of sabotage inside Israel directed against its civilian population." The Knesset will debate the Premier's statement next week.

### See Eshkol in Crossfire of Domestic and World Pressures

Political observers said that the Premier's speech indicated Israel would try once again to exhaust all international and political procedures before acting to assure its "legitimate right to defend its territory and lives of its citizens" by military measures.

The Premier's speech reflected the impact of two opposing pressures; that of Israeli public opinion which increasingly demands strong and immediate action to halt Syrian incidents, and that brought to bear by international forces, particularly U Thant.

Israel has therefore agreed to U Thant's appeal to meet with Syria in an extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. If that meeting, for which neither a date nor place has yet been set, fails, the observers said, it was clear from the Premier's statement that "Syria will not be allowed to run amok." It was agreed that what U Thant's intervention has brought about was a few days of respite and the observers stressed that the border had been relatively calm for the last 48 hours.

### U.N. AWAITS CLARIFICATION OF ISRAEL'S STAND ON MEETING WITH SYRIA

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Israel has accepted "in principle" the proposal made by Secretary-General U Thant for an extraordinary meeting of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission to try to avert what Mr. Thant has called the danger of "a large-scale clash of military forces" on the Israeli-Syrian borders.

A spokesman for the United Nations made that announcement here today, and stated that Ambassador George J. Tomeh of Syria has given Mr. Thant a "formal reply which was affirmative and without conditions."

The Israeli Mission to the United Nations said that at 8 a.m. yesterday, Eliahu Sasson, director of armistice affairs in Israel's Foreign Ministry at Jerusalem, "gave an affirmative reply" to Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

The United Nations spokesman said that, in informing Mr. Thant of Israel's acceptance of the proposal "in principle," Ambassador Michael S. Comay told the Secretary-General that "certain points" regarding the conversation between Mr. Sasson and Gen. Bull

were still to be "clarified." Both Mr. Thant and Mr. Comay agreed that a written reply from Israel was in order, but the Israeli diplomat said he was not certain he could file the written reply today.

(A Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Jerusalem today indicated that the special session of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission might be held in a few days at the international bridge between Syria and Israel at Bnot Yaakov. This was the site of the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission meetings held until 1954.)

#### U.S. SEES PROPOSALS FOR JOINT ACTION WITH SOVIET AS 'UNREALISTIC'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The United States Government has promised Israel that Washington will do its best to ease tensions on the Syrian border although officials said that proposals for a joint American-Soviet peace approach were unrealistic.

Administration authorities characterized the Damascus officer clique in command as so reckless as to be unresponsive to a Soviet intercession even if Moscow sought to quiet the border situation. But Washington feels that the Soviet Union has its own interests to serve in the region and profits from tension by seeking to undermine pro-Western Arab regimes while supporting radical Arab elements. Officials here said there was no evidence to indicate that Russia was concerned about Syrian harassment of Israel.

#### Washington Post for New Tripartite Declaration

Major American newspapers editorially stressed today the gravity of the Israeli-Syrian border situation and questioned the effectiveness of measures to abate tension there. The New York Times pointed out that "Israel cannot tolerate forever a situation in which the Soviet veto makes Security Council action one-sided and in which U.N. initiatives seem to come after Syrian aggression but in time to prevent Israeli retaliation."

The Washington Post, commenting on Secretary-General U Thant's initiative, said that "unfortunately, Mr. Thant did not address himself to the roots of the current flare-up." His initiative, the paper said, "provides Syria a cover for a discreet withdrawal, but the problem of regional order will remain." The editorial added that "the danger of war in the region will last as long as all governments there do not honor each other's permanence and right to exist. But the temptation for any state to use force beyond its borders could be dampened if the three Western countries -- perhaps joined later by the Soviet Union -- were to freshen their old guarantee of regional peace."

#### COALITION PARTNERS PRESS ESHKOL ON WAGE INCREASE, UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol's Government encountered new opposition today from two of the coalition parties over its partial freeze on wages for 1967.

Achdut Avodah, which is in alignment with Mapai as the dominant element in the Government, and the leftist Mapam joined with leaders of the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, in insisting on payment of a previously scheduled five percent wage increase for industrial workers. The two parties also have resumed pressure for a compulsory loan or for new taxes in the battle against Israel's mounting unemployment.

The two parties also criticized Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir for his announced plan to dismiss some 1,500 civil servants in the Government's retrenchment program. Mapam sources claimed they had been given assurances that Histadrut officials would "stand up for the rights of the workers."

#### BANK OF ISRAEL REPORTS DROP IN FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The foreign currency reserves held by the Bank of Israel fell by \$20,000,000 last year to a total of \$616,000,000, despite an improvement in the nation's foreign trade figures, according to the bank's annual balance sheet released here today.

Part of the drop in the reserve figure is accounted for by the fact that less capital flowed into the country while more dollars were paid out in servicing the growing foreign debts. Yohanan Bader, a Gahal member of the Israel Parliament, said last night in an address in Haifa that the nation's foreign debt now totaled \$1,300,000,000.

Mr. Bader also claimed that the nation's unemployed now total 80,000. (No precise official unemployment figures exist but Government estimates vary from 30,000 to 65,000.)

Israel and France signed a new trade agreement for the coming year which provides for larger commercial exchanges between the two countries. No figures were released.

STUTTGART MAYOR PRAISES YOUTHS WHO BROKE UP NEO-NAZI RALLY

STUTTGART, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Lord Mayor Arnold Kleff of Stuttgart said today that the hundreds of German youth who broke up a National Democratic Party rally in Stuttgart Saturday night had "acted in the right manner and in a politically conscious way."

The Mayor has led a fight of Stuttgart city officials to bar use of the city's public facilities to the extremist NDP. The city originally refused to rent its hall to the NDP but was forced to do so by an administrative court order obtained by the party.

The Mayor, in praising the action of the youthful foes of the party, said "it is impossible to talk with these people, the members of the NDP, and it is useless to talk to them." He added that Stuttgart would not change its stand of opposition to the party, despite the court decision which forced the city to rent its hall, and would continue to seek to prevent NDP meetings in Stuttgart. The Mayor warned that the city could no longer guarantee the safety of property involved in NDP public activities.

West German Refugee Minister, Kai Uwe Von Hassel, the former Defense Minister, warned in a speech today against over-estimating the NDP. He said that the expressed views of the party were "confusing," showing no clear aims. He described NDP supporters as young people, older ones, craftsmen, peasants and "brave soldiers."

MOST GERMANS UNCONCERNED OVER RISE OF NAZI-TYPE GROUPS, ISRAELI SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's ambassador to West Germany, said here today that the West German man on the street did not share the publicly-expressed concern by leaders of the government and the press "who are anxious about the reappearance of Nazi-type movements" in West Germany.

Mr. Ben-Nathan said there was "some anti-Semitism in Germany, as in other Western countries but anti-Semitism in Germany means something different in Germany than anywhere else." He asserted that credit must be given to efforts by many groups in West Germany "to fight the resurrection of Nazism." He said "only if we acknowledge what the Germans themselves are doing about it, can we hope to be effective in our criticism of the situation in Germany."

PRINZ SAYS GERMANS NEED AID IN MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Liberal groups in the United States were urged last night to help the West German Government overcome "an ominous and growing national mood of neo-Nazi sentiment."

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the commission on international affairs of the American Jewish Congress, who returned recently from a visit to West Germany, called on American educators, labor leaders, businessmen and students to establish "close and continuing contacts" with their counterparts in West Germany in order to aid the Bonn Government in making democracy work. Dr. Prinz spoke at a "public briefing" here sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and attended by more than 1,000 persons.

Asserting that the recently formed West German coalition government was "concerned" about the growth of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, but uncertain on how to meet the situation, Dr. Prinz said that Chancellor Kurt-Georg Kiesinger, "despite his Nazi past, is in my opinion dedicated to strengthening freedom and democracy in Germany."

He warned, however, that the fact that a former Nazi could be named Chancellor "has given vast encouragement to those forces in Germany who demand that the past be forgotten and who insist that Germany be restored to her 'place in the sun.'"

B'NAI B'RITH HUMANITARIANISM AWARD PRESENTED TO LABEL A. KATZ

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, past president of B'nai B'rith, called on the American Jewish community today to accept the responsibility of "providing the proper tools and environment" by which Jewish youth can better identify with their heritage.

Mr. Katz, who addressed a dinner given in his honor by B'nai B'rith, said that there is increasing evidence that today's Jewish youngsters have an "abiding interest in identifying with Judaism" but that they require the interest and direction of their elders.

Some 750 guests attended the dinner at which Mr. Katz was awarded the B'nai B'rith President's Medal for Humanitarianism in recognition of his "manifold contributions to the world Jewish community and the broad cause of human understanding."

The award was presented to Mr. Katz by Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of the organization. Samuel Rosen of New York was chairman of the dinner.

CANADIAN NETWORK DROPS VON THADDEN BID; WILL TAPE INTERVIEW ABROAD

TORONTO, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced today it had withdrawn its sharply-criticized invitation to an officer of the extremist National Democratic Party of West Germany to come to Toronto for a televised interview but the network said it would tape the interview in West Germany. The Canadian Jewish Congress, which had led the protests against the invitation, promptly criticized the change of plans.

Widespread protests, both Jewish and non-Jewish, followed the network's disclosure it had invited Adolf von Thadden, NDF deputy leader, to come to Toronto on January 26 for the proposed interview, with all his expenses paid by the network. It was also reported that the CBC planned to pay von Thadden a fee.

Michael Garber, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, declared in a statement today that the withdrawal of the invitation to von Thadden "does not meet the issue." He said that presentation of an interview, whether taped in West Germany or elsewhere, would still amount to "giving a platform to a person whose party defends policies which the free world resisted at great sacrifice." He said the Canadian Jewish Congress would not object to an examination on the network of the resurgence of neo-Nazism in Germany but that it did take "serious objection" to a program built around von Thadden's views and personality.

Mr. Garber reiterated Congress complaints that the CBC had repeatedly given platforms to neo-Nazis in the past, including Andre Bellefeuille, Adrien Arcane and George Rockwell. The results of that policy, Mr. Garber declared, was that such persons "were able to present apologies for Nazism, white-washing the blood-stained record." If von Thadden came here on his own, Mr. Garber said, he would be without a platform and that, "unfortunately," the network was affording him an audience of 2,500,000 listeners "whom he could not otherwise reach."

CHICAGO FEDERATION'S 1967 \$43 MILLION BUDGET IS LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY

CHICAGO, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has adopted a 1967 expenditure budget of \$43,205,703 for health and welfare services -- the largest budget in its 67-year history -- A. D. Davis, president of the federation, told the federation's anniversary dinner here. He said this total represented the operating costs of the federation's twelve medical and social service agencies.

The federation, Mr. Davis disclosed, will allocate \$6,825,747 toward this total, another record figure. The federation agency programs served more than 212,000 beneficiaries in 1966 without regard to creed or color.

Mr. Davis told the assembly that a major question affecting the community programs was the effect of government funding on the federation budget. He said it was still too soon to determine the results of Medicare and spoke of a possibility that "Medicare patients and extended-care patients may add to our burdens, financially and otherwise."

James P. Rice, executive director of the federation, warned that the shortage of trained, competent personnel to carry out social welfare programs was becoming critical. Dr. William Haber, of the University of Michigan, told the gathering that it would be an error to assume that many social problems could be dealt with only by government. "Individual and family problems can often better be handled by voluntary private agencies," he said.

The Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award of the Jewish Federation, presented annually to the person "who has achieved most in the advancement of the purposes of the Jewish Federation and the welfare of the Jewish community, was presented to Harris Pearlstein, Chicago businessman and civic leader. An award was also presented to Harold R. Rosenberg, general chairman of the 1966 federation campaign.

ADL NAMES KATZENBACH TO RECEIVE AMERICA'S DEMOCRATIC LEGACY AWARD

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced today it had selected Under Secretary of State Nicholas de B. Katzenbach as recipient of its 1967 America's Democratic Legacy Award.

Dore Schary, ADL chairman, in announcing the award, said it was being presented to Mr. Katzenbach in recognition of his "dynamic, skillful and inspired contributions to the cause of civil rights" as Attorney General. The presentation will be made at a dinner here on January 29 highlighting the 54th annual meeting of the ADL's national commission, to be held January 27-30.

IDA KAMINSKA NOMINATED FOR FOREIGN PRESS FILM AWARD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Ida Kaminska, the Polish actress and director of the Yiddish State Theater in Warsaw, was nominated today by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for its "Golden Globe Award" as best dramatic actress for her role as the aged Jewish shopkeeper in the Czech film, "The Shop on Main Street." Miss Kaminska will compete for the title with such stars as Elizabeth Taylor, Natalie Wood and Anouk Aimee.